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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA

10 SEAN MCFARLEN,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.  
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14 STATE OF WASHINGTON, et al.,

15 Defendants.

CASE NO. C11-5705-BHS-JRC

REPORT AND  
RECOMMENDATION

NOTED FOR:  
NOVEMBER 25, 2011

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17 This matter has been referred to the undersigned Magistrate Judge pursuant  
18 to 28 U.S.C. §§ 636(b)(1)(A) and (B) and Local Magistrate Judge Rules MJR 1,  
19 MJR 3, and MJR 4. Plaintiff filed a state tort action in Thurston County Superior  
20 Court (ECF No. 1 complaint). In one paragraph he alleged that defendants had a  
21 constitutional duty to him and he cited to the Civil Rights Act 42 U.S.C. §1983  
22 (ECF No. 1 complaint ¶5.3). Defendant removed the action to federal court based  
23 on this paragraph.  
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1 Plaintiff asked this Court to amend the complaint and delete this paragraph  
2 from his complaint, leaving only a state tort action. This Court granted that  
3 motion. Plaintiff also asks that the action be remanded back to state court (ECF  
4 No. 7).

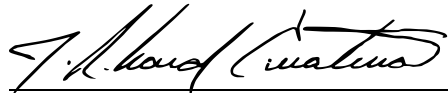
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6 The Court notes that removal was proper because paragraph 5.3 contained a  
7 federal claim. Dillon v. State of Miss. Military Dept., 23 F.3d 915, 918 (5th Cir.  
8 1994). Now that this paragraph has been deleted, this Court considers whether it  
9 has jurisdiction or whether the subsequent amendment destroys jurisdiction and  
10 whether the case should be remanded to the Thurston County Superior Court.  
11 Sparta Surgical Corp. v. National Ass'n of Securities Dealers, 159 F.3d 1209, 1213  
12 (9th Cir. 1998).

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14 The Court has discretion whether to remand the remaining state claims or  
15 keep the case. Where an action is in its early stages, the normal practice is to  
16 dismiss or remand. Carnegie-Mellon Univ. v. Cohill, 484 U.S. 343, 349-50 (1988).  
17 This case is in its early stages and no longer contains any federal claims.  
18 Therefore, the Court recommends remand to the Thurston County Superior Court.  
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20 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b), the parties shall  
21 have fourteen (14) days from service of this Report to file written objections. See  
22 also Fed. R. Civ. P. 6. Failure to file objections will result in a waiver of those  
23 objections for purposes of de novo review by the district judge. See 28 U.S.C. §  
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1 636(b)(1)(C). Accommodating the time limit imposed by Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b), the  
2 clerk is directed to set the matter for consideration on November 25, 2011, as noted  
3 in the caption.

4 Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2011.

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8 J. Richard Creatura  
9 United States Magistrate Judge  
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